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Annual Report

for the Year 1948,

of the

Medical Officer of Health.

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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1948.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1948.

The "Constitution of the Authority"; Limit of Jurisdiction and Qurantine Stations are as described in previous reports.

I. Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the year 1948.

TABLE A.

Foreign.	Number.	Tonnage.	Inspected by M.O.H.	Inspected by S.I.	Number Defective	Number Remedied
Steamers	11	14126	3	11	nil	nil
Motor & Sail	8	14539	2	8	nil	nil
Fishing	117	4128	15	117	5	5
Total	136	32793	20	136	5	5
Coastwise						
Steamers	59	28787	4	42	2	2
Motor & Sail	88	13724	-	19	1	1
Fishing	2039	173818	22	632	25	25
Total	2186	216329	26	693	28	28

II. Character and Trade of Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic:— nil.

(b) Cargo Traffic:—

Fish, Artificial Fertilizers, Potatoes, Bricks, Cement, Oil Fuel, General Merchandise, Cattle Feeding Stuffs.

Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive:— Ostend. Pasages, Antwerp, Camaret, Vigo, Lorient, Dieppe, Ghys, Rotterdam, Coruna, Bilbao, Iceland, Trinidad, Vizagapatam, Paimpol, Oslo, Bergen, Halifax, N.S. Curacoa, Abadarn, Buenos Aires,

III. Port Facilities.

The Milford Docks Company has provided every facility for the rapid loading and unloading of ships. Electric coal-shipping appliances are in use, and large cranes have been installed. There is an ample supply of clean ice, and the loading platform is covered in so as to protect fish from the rain and sun. The loading platform is now being concreted; this will be a great improvement.

IV. Source of Water Supply.

During the year a new electric pump has been in use, and a plentiful supply of clean sea-water is available in the market for cleaning fish-rooms, &c.

There is also an adequate supply of water from the Joint Water Board. There are no Water Boats, but the new Tugs of the Dock Co. are fitted with water tanks which can be used when necessary.

V. The Isolation Hospital.

The Isolation Hospital at Sandy Haven was handed over to the Welsh Board of Health on the 5th. July 1948 and is now under the management of the West Wales Hospital Committee.

TABLE C & D

No cases of Infectious Disease were landed during the year, and and no cases were disposed of prior to arrival in the Port.

VI. Measures against Rodents.

Vessels, mostly Coasters and Trawlers are examined for rats when unloading. If rats are traced it is recommended to the Owner that he employ a professional rat catcher : this is generally done and traps are set or the vessel is fumigated with sulphur. Some of the Coasters are done with Hydrogen Cyanide by firms who specialize in this work.

This is not a Deratisation Port, therefore no " P II " forms are issued.

VII. Hygiene of Crew's Spaces.

TABLE J.
CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vessel	Number Inspected during Year	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, Vermin and other conditions
British	712	....	8	20
Other Nations	117	...	....	5

VIII. Food Inspection.

Monthly Tonnage of Fish landed and inspected during the year.

Month.	Tonnage.
Jauuary	2505
February	2571
March	5139
April	5147
May	5227
June	4599
July	4686
August	4247
September	4175
October	3897
November	3515
December	3318
Total	49026

Monthly record of unsound food condemned, surrendered and destroyed.

Month	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.
January	—	5	0
February	—	—	—
March	—	18	0
April	—	—	—
May	2	0	2
June	4	4	2
July	7	3	2
August	2	4	1
September	—	—	—
October	—	8	0
November	—	11	1
December	—	15	0
Total	18	10	0

Fish Offal and Condemned Fish.			Unsold Fish.		
Month	Tons	Cwts	Tons	Cwts	Qrs
January	203	11	—	—	—
February	130	17	9	7	2
March	347	13	56	17	2
April	468	14	78	12	2
May	395	3	110	3	0
June	327	0	112	6	0
July	405	1	144	0	0
August	419	14	134	18	0
September	236	4	14	7	0
October	264	12	20	0	0
November	252	9	16	18	3
December	345	0	25	5	0
Total	3795	18	722	15	1

Unsold Fish, Condemned Fish and Fish Offal is sent to the Fish Meal Factory to be converted into Fish Meal and Fertilizers.

Pollution by Oil Fuel.

The waters of the haven were again badly polluted by oil fuel during the year and the beach in Castle Pill, Milford Haven was saturated with oil, caused by a large quantity of oil escaping from one of the vessels which was being broken up at Castle Works, Milford Haven.

Refrigeration.

Three quick freezing plants have recently been installed, and the fish is frozen soon after landing.

I wish to thank Mr. Logan, the Sanitary Inspector, for his co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

H. O. WILLIAMS,